

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) ~~Use of~~A method of conferring a benefit to a textile fabric by contacting said fabric during laundering thereof with a modified naturally occurring ~~occurring polysaccharide-polysaccharide~~ gum having β_{1-4} linkages, the modified polysaccharide having a weight average molecular weight of 250,000 or less, preferably 100,000 or less, more preferably 75,000 or less, ~~to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof.~~
2. (currently amended) ~~Use according to~~The method of claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is derived from a naturally occurring polysaccharide selected from galactomannan (e.g. ~~derived from locust bean gum or guar gum~~), glucomannan (e.g. ~~Konjac glucomannan~~), xyloglucan (e.g. ~~tamarind xyloglucan~~), xanthan gum and mixtures thereof.
3. (currently amended) ~~Use according to~~The method of claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is neutral or anionic.
4. (previously presented) A detergent composition comprising surfactant and modified polysaccharide as defined in claim 1.

5. (original) A composition according to claim 4, wherein the amount of surfactant is from 5% to 50% by weight of the composition and the amount of modified polysaccharide is from 0.01% to 25% by weight of the composition.

6. (currently amended) ~~Use~~ A method of conferring a benefit to a textile fabric by contacting said fabric during laundering thereof with ~~of~~ a polysaccharide gum having β_{1-4} linkages, to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof.

7. (currently amended) ~~Use of~~ The method of claim 6 a polysaccharide gum having β_{1-4} linkages, to confer a benefit to a textile fabric during laundering thereof, wherein the polysaccharide is an unmodified version of a polysaccharide as defined in claim 3 selected from galactomannan, glucomannan, xyloglucan, xanthan gum and mixtures thereof.

8-9 (cancelled)

10. (New) A method of conferring a benefit to a textile fabric by contacting said fabric during laundering thereof with a modified naturally occurring polysaccharide gum having β_{1-4} linkages, the modified polysaccharide having a weight average molecular weight of 75,000 or less.

11. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the modified polysaccharide is derived from a naturally occurring polysaccharide selected from locust bean gum, guar gum, Konjac glucomannan, tamarind xyloglucan, and mixtures thereof.